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In September 1952 representatives of the Chinese Communist Army railway engineering units in Korea, including Meritorious Representative P'AN Te-ch'uan (3382/1795/0356), returned to China to participate in the 1 October National Anniversary. At a reception held at the Ministry of Railways, these representatives reported the following information concerning the work of engineering units in Korea:

- a. Because of the shortage of railway mechanics in Korea, the Chinese railway staff and workers were devoting 90 percent of their labor to repairing bridges and railroads damaged by air raids.
- b. There was a shortage of materials needed for repair work.
- c. The destruction of water supply sources along the railway lines was hindering the movement of supplies.
- d. The technique of camouflaging trains with steam during air raids was usually ineffective.

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Comment. Since source did not specify his informant, it is possible that the report is transcribed from propaganda used to show the necessity of Chinese aid to North Korea.

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